

Resolution in support of the designation of the Columbus region as an Economic Development District as requested by Columbus 2020 Foundation (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING)

WHEREAS, Columbus 2020, as the regional partner of the Jobs Ohio network and its affiliated 501(C)3 organization, the Columbus 2020 Foundation, is applying on behalf of the Region, for *Economic Development District* designation from the United States Economic Development Administration; and

WHEREAS, receiving the designation as an *Economic Development District* from the United States Economic Development Administration is advantageous to the regional economic growth strategy and may provide additional opportunities and economic benefits for communities within the 11 County Region through the federal government; and

WHEREAS, receiving the designation as *Economic Development District* will help Franklin County and other regional leaders promote and ensure the continued success of the 11 County Region; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus 2020 Foundation, serving as the governing body, followed all necessary steps and requirements of the United States Economic Development Administration, in the application process to become designated as an *Economic Development District* including documented support from local communities participating in the District, signed by the appropriate authorities and that the State of Ohio grants concurrence to; and

WHEREAS, the creation of an *Economic Development District* for the Region will supplement and advance local projects and programs designed to foster strong and prosperous communities; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners has launched a comprehensive economic development program known as "Smart Works" to support economic growth in the County to further the common goals of Columbus 2020; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO:

1. The Board of County Commissioners supports the designation of the Columbus Region as an Economic Development District.

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Cc: Economic Development & Planning Department

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